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SUBJECT: WEST AFRICA TRAINING COURSE

REF: STATE 243063

1. WE ARE PLEASED WITH PROSPECT OF 3/4 SHIP TASK GROUP
VISIT TO WEST AFRICA, AS PROJECTED IN THE REFERENCE. WE
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BELIEVE PREVIOUS VISITS HAVE ENHANCED U.S. IMAGE THROUGH
THE EXCELLENT APPEARANCE OF THE SHIPS, GOOD BEHAVIOR OF
THE PERSONNEL AND THE SUCCESS OF PLANNED SOCIAL INTERACTIONS.
ANTICIPATING SIMILAR LOCAL RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED SHIP
VISIT, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD STRENGTHEN US-SENEGALESE
RELATIONS AND SUPPORT MISSION OBJECTIVES.

2. BASED ON OBVIOUS SENEGALESE ENTHUSIASM FOR EARLIER AM-
PHIBIOUS DEMONSTRATION, WE RECOMMEND THIS BE REPEATED IF
POSSIBLE. FURTHER, BECAUSE SENEGALESE MILITARY HAVE
INDICATED STRONG INTEREST IN POSSIBILITY, WE WOULD LIKE
TO KNOW IF IT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE TO PERMIT AT LEAST SOME
SENEGALESE MILITARY PARTICIPATION OR SIMULTANEOUS
DEMONSTRATION TO GIVE IMPRESSION OF JOINT EXERCISE. IF THIS
COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT BURDENSOME JOINT
PLANNING REQUIREMENT, IT IS RECOMMENDED AS LENDING
SUBSTANTIAL PRESTIGE TO A COMPETENT, PROUD AND DESERVING
MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT.

3. AS THE INITIAL PLANNING PROGRESSES, WE RECOMMEND THAT AN
EFFORT BE MADE TO AVOID CONCURRENT VISIT TO DAKAR AND
BANJUL. THE DEFENSE/NAVAL ATTACHE RESIDENT IN DAKAR IS SOLE
OFFICER ACCREDITED TO SENEGAL AND THE GAMBIA. ESSENTIAL
THAT ATTACHE COORDINATE VISIT SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS TO
PREVENT OVERLOAD OF OTHER EMBASSY SECTIONS AND TO
CAPITALIZE ON INHERENT POTENTIAL FOR BUILDING RAPPORT
WITH LOCAL MILITARY/NAVAL OFFICIALS.
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